

the bedrock upon our local Kansas communities.

Since 1943, every President of the United States has proclaimed March as American Red Cross Month and in turn, the organization uses this month to promote the services provided to the public each and every day. Communities depend on the Red Cross in times of need, the Red Cross depends on the support of the public to achieve its mission.

I am pleased to join with the Red Cross and highlight the courageous work that this organization has accomplished for more than 128 years and continues to accomplish this day. I would also like to take this opportunity to salute all of the tireless volunteers of this organization known as "Red Crossers" who for many, have been involved in their communities for 10, 20, even 80 years.

It is very fitting that we celebrate March as American Red Cross Month and continue to advance the principles of this very essential organization.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR J. BENNETT JOHNSTON

• Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate the former senior Senator from Louisiana, Senator J. Bennett Johnston, on receiving the prestigious Centennial Leadership Award. As chairman and ranking member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Senator Johnston oversaw the enactment of two decades' worth of legislation involving our Nation's national parks. It is most appropriate that my former colleague is being honored with this award, and I congratulate him on receiving it.

The Centennial Leadership Award is an appreciation of Senator Johnston's leadership in advancing the National Parks Second Century Commission. In 2008, the National Parks and Conservation Association established an independent commission to develop a 21st century vision for the National Park Service. This Commission was comprised of over 30 national leaders and experts with substantial knowledge of the Nation's National Park System. This Commission met several times, held public meetings, and produced a report recommending expansion of the National Park idea through educational opportunities, community conservation, and local partnerships to preserve our national heritage.

In 2016, this country will celebrate the centennial of the National Park Service. As we get ready to celebrate these breathtaking landscapes and historic treasures, I am especially grateful to Senator Johnston for his leadership over the years in preserving these areas. Senator Johnston's leadership created the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park, the Cane River Creole National Historical Park and National

Heritage Area, and the New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park. In addition, he also championed passage of the National Historic Preservation Act Amendments of 1990, the California Desert Protection Act, and has always been a staunch advocate of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Without his forethought and perseverance, Americans might not have many of these magnificent parks to visit and recreate with their families each year.

Again, I congratulate the former Senator from Louisiana on receiving this award. I think Senator Johnston said it best: "The national parks truly are America's best idea." I couldn't agree more. •

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN'S MEN'S GLEE CLUB

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I would like to call attention to the 150th anniversary of the Men's Glee Club at the University of Michigan, the second oldest collegiate chorus in the Nation. Long recognized as one of the world's best male choruses, the Men's Glee Club is a talented and highly entertaining group. This impressive milestone will be marked by a series of events in early April. Alumni from across the Nation will gather in Ann Arbor to commemorate this occasion, celebrating 150 years of outstanding musical achievement.

The Men's Glee Club, which currently numbers more than 100 and is led by director Paul Rardin, was started by a handful of students in 1859. This chorus has evolved from its early years when it was divided into groups by academic year and some of those groups were accompanied by instruments. Ultimately, these groups would unite, and ever since, the chorus has enjoyed steady and growing success.

In the 1920s, the Glee Club began to venture beyond Michigan's border to tour the Nation, often by train. After World War II, the Glee Club sought to widen its audience through the use of radio, television and recordings. In 1955, the Glee Club decided to venture internationally, touring Western Europe. In 1959, the chorus won its first international competition, the International Musical Eisteddfod in Llangollen, Wales. This accomplishment was especially gratifying because the Glee Club was the first American group to do so. Since then, the Men's Glee Club has won this prestigious competition on three more occasions.

In the ensuing years, the U-M Men's Glee Club has continued to travel internationally, cementing an international reputation for excellence. In 1967, the Glee Club embarked on an 8-week, around the world tour to mark the University of Michigan's 150th anniversary of its founding. In the 1980s, the Glee Club performed at Avery Fisher Hall in New York and at Tiger Stadium in Detroit prior to a World Series game.

Among the group's notable alumni are individuals such as former New

York governor Thomas Dewey, Metropolitan Opera star Russell Christopher, CNN medical reporter Sanjay Gupta, and Bob McGrath, a tenor who sang on the Mitch Miller Show before becoming a star on Sesame Street.

The University of Michigan is renowned for excellence across many disciplines, so it is no surprise the Men's Glee Club has had such a rich history. I know my colleagues join me in paying tribute to the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club on their 150th anniversary. I look forward to another 150 years of harmony and outreach. •

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:38 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1612. An act to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service.

H.R. 4360. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs blind rehabilitation center in Long Beach, California, as the "Major Charles Robert Soltes, Jr., O.D. Department of Veterans Affairs Blind Rehabilitation Center".

H.R. 4957. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 3186. An act to reauthorize the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004 through April 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the title of the bill (H.R. 1586) to impose an additional tax on bonuses received from certain TARP recipients, and that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the text of the aforesaid bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 10:54 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4872. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to Title II of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2010 (S. Con. Res. 13).

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. REID).

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 11:11 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by